

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB 1363

HEARING DATE: 2-14-2000

COMMITTEE ON: Business and Labor

TITLE: (Connealy, Bourne, Bromm, Chambers, Cudaback, Dierks, Hilgert, Jensen, Kiel, D. Pederson, Preister, Price, Robak, Smith, Stuhr, Suttle, Tyson, Aguilar) Create the Task Force on the Productive Integration of the Immigrant Workforce Population

ROLL CALL VOTE – FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

X Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Dierks, Hilgert, Preister, Redfield, Schimek, Vrtiska
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Chambers

PROPOSERS	REPRESENTING
Senator Matt Connealy	Introducer
Cecilia Olivarez Huerta	Mexican American Commission
Rodrigo Cantarero	Community and Regional Planning Dept., UNL
Jane Elliot	NE Health Care Assn and NE Assisted Living Assn.
Tom Black	West Point Multicultural Action Committee
OPPOSERS	REPRESENTING
NEUTRAL	REPRESENTING

SUMMARY OF PURPOSE AND/OR CHANGES:

Section 1 is a new section that creates a 16-member Task Force on the Productive Integration of the Immigrant Workforce; Provides members to be appointed by September 1, 2000; Requires members to have knowledge and experience in the area of immigration, Identifies 11 members appointed by the Director of the Mexican American Commission (one each from the fields of immigration law, health care, housing; one each from the Mexican-American Commission and the Equal Opportunity Commission; a two each from secondary education, labor unions, and a community service organization); Identifies 3 members appointed by the Governor (one each from livestock slaughtering and manufacturing industries,

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Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Labor) Identifies 2 members of the Legislature to be appointed to the Task Force by the Chairperson of the Executive Board.

Section 2 is a new section that directs the Task Force to investigate current law and practices of the state and local government regarding access and use of human services (including but not limited to: education, housing, transportation, justice system, and health services) provided to the immigrant workforce in Nebraska. The Task Force is to conduct a study of the immigrant workforce in Nebraska that: Assesses the impact that integration of immigrant workers in having on the delivery of human services in communities; Identifies the role of the state in assisting immigrant workers as the integrate into communities and the workforce; Assesses the impact of federal enforcement programs on the operation of livestock slaughtering, cattle, pork, and manufacturing industries and the state's economy, and; Identifies the best practices in the area of immigrant worker integration into communities and access to human services for statewide dissemination and sharing. Authority is provided for the Task Force to: Hire a consultant or consultants to design the study, conduct research, and provide analysis of the results; Gather information through public hearings and other appropriate means; Be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred; Establish such such subcommittees and working groups as necessary and appropriate to advise the Task Force; Request administrative support from the Mexican-American Commission. The Task Force shall be within the Mexican-American Commission, and its Director is to select a chairperson from the members of the Task Force. Finally, the sections provides intent language to appropriate \$25,000 dollars for the investigation and study, and provides that the Task Force shall issue a final report to the Legislature and Governor on or before August 31, 2001.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS, IF ANY:

Senator (Floyd P. Vrtiska)